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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

NJ Sheriff and Former Chief Show Contempt for Oaths with Second Amendment Infringements

By David Codrea

Extensive quotes from two New Jersey law enforcement officials leave little doubt that they would gladly support any and all citizen disarmament edicts. Opinions expressed by Bergen County Sheriff Michael Saudino and former Tenafly Police Chief Michael Bruno in Monday's Pascack Press appear representative of predominant command attitudes in the Garden State.

Sheriff Saudino says it's "fortunate" that New Jersey has draconian infringements and hopes to see them become a "model" for the rest of the country. And naturally, he repeats the same lie many prominent gun-grabbers offer.

"I don't say it very often, but I do believe in the Second Amendment," Saudino protests. "However..."

Who didn't see that huge, in-your-face "but" coming?

He doesn't think the "average person" should have the very weaponry the Second Amendment is supposed to guarantee. Saudino smears those who disagree as "the NRA and some gun nuts." And here's a talking point so moldy it's growing stale: "Those weapons are designed to take out mass amounts of people, for the military to use, for the police to use, should they have to..."

First of all, both the military and Saudino's tactical police teams have access to full auto. And note he doesn't define when his sworn duties will require him to issue the orders to "take out mass amounts of people."

If taken literally, and I would, the oath-breaking maniac is talking about making war on American citizens. Naturally he doesn't want those who would defy tyranny being able to resist it.

Former Chief Bruno has his own way of harassing edict-abiding gun owners. He wants gun-grabber sympathizers to "contact their local police chiefs and ask to see the firearm files of legitimate registered gun owners in town.

"The hot topic today is guns," Bruno asserts. "Everybody's talking about guns, restricting guns, eliminating guns, taking guns."

Wait a minute – for years the antis have been insisting "No wants to take your guns." Does this mean they were lying?

Bruno ignores that some of us are talking about protecting our guns. "I guarantee you it will be an eye-opener for you, because when you talk about that person who snaps and can go right into their own home, take a weapon go out and do something with it—you have hundreds and hundreds, if not thousands of guns in your communities," Bruno bemoans, insulting citizen trustworthiness.

Like the problems come from "legitimate registered gun owners" who strive to comply with all prior restraint mandates, no matter how oppressively oppressive.

Still, Bruno and New Jersey sheriffs like Saudino are taken care of as LEOA beneficiaries, "eligible to carry a concealed firearm in any jurisdiction in the United States or United States Territories, regardless of state or local laws..."

They have their seat at the table, so why should they care if you're outside looking in.

Those of us who have been around a while well remember this 1993 quote from the testimony of Trenton Deputy Chief of Police Joseph Constance before the Senate Judiciary Committee:

"Since police started keeping statistics, we now know that 'assault weapons' are/were used in an underwhelming 0.026 of 1% of crimes in New Jersey. This means that my officers are more likely to confront an escaped tiger from the local zoo than to confront an assault rifle in the hands of a drug-crazed killer on the streets."

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-- www.oathkeepers.org April 17, 2018

Ed: The Pascack Press undoubtedly asked Sheriff Saudino and ex-Chief Bruno for their opinion because of the killings in Parkland, FL. As Cal Thomas notes in the following article the government (Federal, FBI; County, Broward County Sheriff's department; and local officials) failed to "protect and serve" the people, despite many warnings over many years.

Deterrence Can Work

By Cal Thomas

The list of failures in the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, is becoming legion. If any or all of those failures had been addressed, 17 students and teachers might be alive today.

In addition to the several balls dropped by the local FBI office, at least four Broward County sheriff's deputies, including armed school resource officer Scot Peterson, were outside the school

during the shooting and instead of rushing in to confront the killer waited four minutes until police officers from Coral Springs arrived to enter the building. Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said the actions of the deputies are under investigation. Peterson hastily retired. Israel told reporters that Peterson should have gone in and "addressed the killer. Killed the killer."

What follows is based partially on reporting by Channel 10, the Miami ABC affiliate.

In addition to Peterson's failure, "Two other deputies now on restricted duty are being investigated for how they handled tips warning about the killer."

Beginning in 2008, when Cruz was 9, local authorities say they had received 23 calls about his troubling behavior.

Two years ago an anonymous caller alerted police that the killer had posted on Instagram a threat "to shoot up the school" and included a picture of himself with a gun.

The Miami Herald reported that seven months later a peer counselor said Cruz ingested gasoline, wanted to buy a gun and tried to commit suicide by cutting himself. Just days later, an investigator with the Florida Department of Children and Families declared Cruz "low-risk."

The family that took Cruz in after his mother died later called police to report a fight and said that the boy had "dug in the backyard because he knew he was not allowed to bring [a gun in the house] ... he was going to bury the gun there."

The following day, the sheriff's office received a call from a tipster in Massachusetts who said Cruz was collecting guns and knives and he "will kill himself one day and believes he could be a school shooter in the making."

Deterrence remains the best defense against people who regularly search for the softest targets. There is no softer target than a school full of children. Properly trained and motivated armed adults will make the schools less appealing targets. -- The Patriot Post February 27, 2018

Famous historian points out differences between Bible, Quran

Bill Federer recounts long-term results of both religious books

In 1835 French historian Alexis de Tocqueville wrote "Democracy in America", which has been described as "the most

comprehensive ... analysis of character and society in America ever written."

He wrote: "Upon my arrival in the United States the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention. ... In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. But in America I found they were intimately united and that they reigned in common over the same country. ..."

In Book Two he wrote: "Christianity has therefore retained a strong hold on the public mind in America. ... Christianity itself is a fact so irresistibly established, that no one undertakes either to attack or to defend it."

Alexis de Tocqueville traveled twice to Algeria. He wrote to Arthur de Gobineau, Oct. 22, 1843 (Tocqueville Reader, p. 229): "I studied the Quran a great deal. I came away from that study with the conviction there have been few religions in the world as deadly to men as that of Mohammed. So far as I can see, it is the principle cause of the decadence so visible today in the Muslim world and, though less absurd than the polytheism of old, its social and political tendencies are in my opinion to be feared, and I therefore regard it as a form of decadence rather than a form of progress in relation to paganism itself."

In Vol. II, Book 1, Chapter V, de Tocqueville wrote: "Mohammed brought down from heaven and put into the Quran not religious doctrines only, but political maxims, criminal and civil laws, and scientific theories. The Gospels, on the other hand, deal only with the general relations between man and God and between man and man. Beyond that, they teach nothing and do not oblige people to believe anything. That alone, among a thousand reasons, is enough to show that Islam will not be able to hold its power long in an age of enlightenment and democracy, while Christianity is destined to reign in such age, as in all others."

In 1895, Josiah Hotchkiss Gilbert compiled "The Dictionary of Burning Words of Brilliant Writers," which included the statement from Alexis de Tocqueville: "Christianity is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts – the cradle of its infancy, and the divine source of its claims."

How will America's freedoms be lost?

Alexis de Tocqueville predicted how Americans would lose their freedom a little at a time (Vol. 2, 1840, The Second Part, Bk 4, Ch. VI):

"I had noted in my stay in the United States that a democratic state of society similar to the American model could lay itself open to the establishment of despotism with unusual ease. ... It would debase men without tormenting them ... Men, all alike and equal, turned in upon themselves in a restless search for those petty, vulgar pleasures with which they fill their souls. ... Above these men stands an immense and protective power. ... It prefers its citizens to enjoy themselves provided they have only enjoyment in mind. It restricts the activity of free will within a narrower range and gradually removes autonomy itself from each citizen. ..."

He continued: "Thus, the ruling power, having taken each citizen one by one into its powerful grasp ... spreads its arms over the whole of society, covering the surface of social life with a network of petty, complicated, detailed, and uniform rules. ... It does not break men's wills but it does soften, bend, and control them ... It constantly opposes what actions they perform. ... It inhibits, represses, drains, snuffs out, dulls so much effort that finally it reduces each nation to nothing more than a flock of timid and hardworking animals with the government as shepherd... a single, protective, and all-powerful government. ... Individual intervention ... is ... suppressed. ..."

Alexis de Tocqueville concluded: "Increasing despotism in the administrative sphere ... they reckon citizens are incompetent. ... It is ... difficult to imagine how men who have completely given up the habit of self-government could successfully choose those who should do it for them. ... The vices of those who govern and the ineptitude of those governed would soon bring it to ruin and ... revert to its abasement to one single master."

-- AmericanMinute.com March 26, 2018

New Logo for Civil Rights Group

After nearly 30 years the classic Guns-and-Star-of-David logo of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, <http://www.jpfo.org> has been refreshed.

"When Aaron Zelman formed JPFO in 1989, his stark rifles-and-Jewish-Star logo took people by surprise, along with the long explanatory name. He was determined to give 'Never Again' the backbone he felt liberal Jews dangerously abandoned," said Alan Korwin, a

nationally known author and consultant to the group. "Over the years the logo had been changed on life-member pins, T-Shirts, *The Bill of Rights Sentinel* newsletter and other products. It was time to pull it together," Korwin said.

"We made the acronym bolder," said project manager Boyd Kneeland. "The real trick was getting classic old and new long guns to fit right." In the new version, a classic AR-15, America's most popular sport-utility rifle, and a Revolutionary-era Brown Bess-style flintlock silhouette, flank a refreshed stars-and-stripes Mogen David star to lead the group, and America, forward in the struggle to preserve the right to arms—the deterrent to government murder. You don't have to be Jewish to join JPFO, you just have to love liberty. "JPFO speaks truth to power. Resist any effort to give up your arms." -- JPFO Press release Mar 5, 2018

Two-thirds of Americans live in the "Constitution-Free Zone"

By Lornet Turnbull

Interrogation, searches, demands for identification, and possible detainment are processes people are subjected to as they try to enter the US at ports of entry as the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) tries to keep borders secure. Turns out, this broad authority extends 100 miles into the interior, across the entire perimeter of the country.

It's an area some derisively refer to as the "Constitution-Free Zone." It's also home to two-thirds of the US population.

Within this area, the Border Patrol, a division of CBP, has authority to board and search any vehicle, bus, or vessel without a warrant and can ask occupants to prove their legal status in this country: "Papers, please."

Some 200 million people live within that 100-mile zone, which encompasses most major cities, including New York and Seattle, Detroit and Philadelphia. The zone also includes all of some states, Florida, Massachusetts and New Jersey, for example.

This wide authority, which appears to conflict with constitutional rights, is contained in a statutory change to the Immigration and Nationality Act more than 70 years ago. Regulations later established the 100-mile zone. The ACLU and other constitutional scholars have long argued that the 100-mile zone violates

Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable search and seizure, but the Supreme Court has consistently upheld it.

One immigration advocacy group, the Florida Immigration Coalition, has begun an online petition asking Greyhound to stop allowing the agents onto its buses.

Florida restricts drivers' licenses for those in the country without legal status, leaving some people few options for getting around.

Last week, ACLU officers in 10 border states sent a joint letter to Greyhound executives urging them to exercise their Fourth Amendment rights and stop the raids.

Because the Fifth Amendment grants passengers the right to remain silent, they are not legally obligated to answer officers' questions—although refusing to do so has almost always led to arrest. The ACLU believes that if more passengers, particularly US citizens, asserted their right to remain silent, it would be easier for the most vulnerable among them to do the same.

For its part, Greyhound has said it is "required" to cooperate with agents, referring to statutory language stating that "within a reasonable distance from any external boundary of the United States," CBP may, without a warrant, "board and search for aliens ... any railway car, aircraft, conveyance, or vehicle."

While the Supreme Court has consistently upheld the Border Patrol's authority to stop and search people in the zone, it has placed some limits on their powers, requiring agents to have probable cause—a reasonable suspicion—to believe someone committed an immigration violation.

While border patrol officials say they ask all passengers the same questions, including country of citizenship, the ACLU believes agents are engaged in racial profiling, based on its review of cases.

For example, CBP data obtained by ACLU in Michigan shows that 82 percent of foreign citizens stopped by agents in that state are Latino, and almost 1 in 3 of those processed are, in fact, US citizens. -- Yes! Magazine March 27, 2018

Glenn Beck on common sense

You cannot take away freedom to protect it, you cannot destroy the free market to save it, and you cannot uphold freedom of speech by silencing those with whom you

disagree. To take away rights to defend them or to spend your way out of debt defies common sense (p. 17).

Politicians, like cockroaches, are not stupid creatures. Both have an uncanny ability to survive, consume all things living or dead, and can apparently live one month without their head – though I would argue that politicians can survive much longer than that [due to their gerrymandering tricks and avoidance of term limits]. -- Glenn Beck's *Common Sense*, p. 50

Nearly 100 MS-13 gang members arrested in sting were resettled across U.S. as 'unaccompanied minors'

By John Binder

Nearly 100 recently arrested MS-13 gang members arrived in the U.S. by crossing the U.S.-Mexico border as "unaccompanied minors" and then getting resettled throughout the country by the federal government.

About 475 gang members have been arrested by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency's "Operation Matador" sting; 99 of whom arrived in the U.S. as "unaccompanied minors."

Of the 99 MS-13 gang members who entered the country as unaccompanied minors, 64 were granted Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJ), a quasi-amnesty program for young illegal aliens.

Of the 475 gang members arrested by ICE in this operation, 65 were released into the U.S. by an immigration judge, while four were re-arrested on criminal charges after they were released.

Unaccompanied minors who cross the southern border have continued to be resettled across the U.S. under the Unaccompanied Minor Childrens (UAC) program — with the proliferation of the MS-13 gang in the New York metropolitan area.

Under President Trump's administration, the UAC program in Fiscal Year 2018 thus far, has resettled 186 unaccompanied minors in Suffolk County, 279 in Queens County, and 116 in Nassau County.

Miami-Dade County, also struggling with a massive illegal alien population, has had to take in nearly 400 unaccompanied minors thus far in Fiscal Year 2018, as well as Palm Beach County, which has had more than 330 unaccompanied minors resettled. -- bretbartnews.com Mar. 30, 2018

London overtakes New York City for number of murders for the first time in 200 years

By Jack Montgomery

Britain's multicultural capital edged ahead of New York — once so notorious for its high crime rates that it was chosen as the setting for Charles Bronson's *Death Wish*.

London saw 15 killings to New York's 14 over the course of the month, and appears to have outstripped 'Gotham' yet again in March, with 22 killings to 21.

Historically, London has had a murder rate between half and one-twentieth of New York's since 1800, according to studies by University of California researcher Eric Monkmen.

The change is partly a consequence of Mayor Sadiq Khan's campaign against using stop and search on ethnic minorities, with London police chief Cressida Dick admitting that constables have become "fearful" of confronting suspects as they "might get into trouble or might not be supported if they had a complaint".

Figures released last year showed London was the more dangerous of the two cities for almost every other category of violent and sexual crime, with Londoners six times more likely to be burgled than New Yorkers, three times more likely to be raped, and one and a half times more likely to be robbed.

The numbers fly in the face of Mayor Khan's claim that London is "the safest global city in the world, and one of the safest cities in the world" in 2017.

Neither Khan nor politically correct London police boss Dick — who recently appeared to deny any racial or religious element to grooming gangs [see book review below] and claimed they have "probably" been in Britain for "centuries and centuries and centuries" — seem willing to consider the contribution of mass migration and the accompanying breakdown in social cohesion to the crime wave, with Dick blaming the rising violence on "social media".

-- www.breitbart.com

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Machete attacks every 90 minutes in 'gun free' Britain

Recorded machete attacks in the UK have shot up by nearly five times in just three years.

Crimes committed with the sword-like weapons average 15 a day, or one every 90 minutes.

Figures uncovered using freedom of information requests by the *Daily Mail* show that police dealt with

928 crimes involving machetes in the last two months of 2017.

London saw the bulk, with 425 of the attacks.

The long blades, designed for chopping undergrowth, appear to be a weapon of choice for criminals in the UK, which is governed by strict gun-control laws.

Across the UK, violent crime overall surged by 20 per cent, robbery was up by 29 per cent, and sex offences surged by 23 per cent

-- www.breitbart.com April 15, 2018

Review: *Easy Meat: Inside Britain's Grooming Gang Scandal*, by Peter McLoughlin

Peter McLoughlin spent years believing the Leftist narrative, namely it was 'a racist myth' that organised Muslim groups in Britain and the Netherlands (grooming gangs) were luring white schoolgirls into a life of prostitution. But in 2009 he first encountered people who said their children had been groomed like this. What McLoughlin found shocked him: there were mounds of evidence that social workers, police officers, Muslim organisations, journalists and even some Members of Parliament must have known about these grooming gangs, and they had turned a blind-eye to these crimes. McLoughlin spent several years uncovering everything he could and documenting this scandal before the evidence disappeared. He demonstrates that the true nature of this grooming phenomenon was known about more than 20 years ago.

While he was writing this book, Parliament was forced by rising anger to conduct its own low-key investigation. The eventual report concluded the grooming problem was basically in one town: Rotherham. Official reports finally admitted there were more than 1400 victims in this otherwise unremarkable town. McLoughlin argues the authorities will continue their cover-up, with many thousands of new victims across the country every year. The criminal indicators in Rotherham are to be found in scores of towns across Britain. McLoughlin's book is an attempt to get the public to wake up, for them to demand civilised solutions, because people may turn to vigilante justice as the prostituting of schoolgirls continues unabated. The book documents the hidden abuse of Sikh victims by grooming gangs, and how Sikhs in Britain have already resorted to vigilante justice.

The book exposes how political correctness was used to silence potential whistle-blowers, and how this grooming phenomenon demonstrates that multiculturalism does not work. Every layer of authority in the British state comes under detailed examination to expose their part in the scandal. McLoughlin leaves no stone unturned, and at 130,000 words in length, it is likely to be the most detailed critique of this scandal for years to come.

-- Amazon.com book blurb

Army Wants Armed Ground Robot Prototype by 2019

By Sydney J. Freedberg Jr.
WASHINGTON: After 20 years of cancelled programs, the Army wants prototypes of all-new robotic and "optionally manned" combat vehicles by 2019 for field testing in 2020. Compared to current vehicles, they'll be lighter, smaller and optimized for urban combat, said Brig. Gen. David Lesperance, head of the armor school at Fort Benning, Ga.

Defense contractors and non-traditional companies are currently working on concepts, he told me, and there'll be intense experimentation, modeling, and simulation in the next "six to 12 months."

The problem is the post-Cold War Army's track record on new armored fighting vehicles is unblemished by success. While continually upgrading and modernizing the 1980s-vintage M1 Abrams tank and the M2 Bradley, the Pentagon has cancelled the M8 Armored Gun System (1997), the Crusader howitzer (2002), the Future Combat Systems (2009), and the Ground Combat Vehicle (2013).

The Army is taking care to prototype the new technology before it commits to an acquisition program. It has abandoned the cumbersome mega-program approach of FCS, which was a single contract for eight manned vehicles, multiple ground robots and drones, and a mobile network to link them all.

The goal, Secretary of the Army Mark Esper told Congress, is to cut the time to field a new weapon system from 10-15 years down to five to eight.

After field tests with an operational combat unit in 2020 the Army will use the troops' feedback to refine the design, tentatively aiming for a second round of field tests in 2022 and a third in 2024. Only then will the

Army decide whether the vehicles are ready to produce.

Lesperance emphasized the new combat vehicles must be "optimized for fighting in dense urban terrain," in contrast to current vehicles optimized for open-field blitzkrieg across Europe. Fighting in narrow streets requires smaller vehicles than the massive M1.

One way to reduce the weight is to take out the humans — not because people weigh a lot, but because the armor to protect them does. A robotic vehicle can be smaller, lighter, cheaper, and expendable, scouting and springing traps like roadside bombs, landmines, and ambushes. Lesperance said a human soldier would always be "in the loop" and make any decision to use lethal force.

The Next Generation Combat Vehicle will carry human troops, but it'll also have enough artificial intelligence to navigate the battlefield without them, depending on the tactical situation.

Lesperance doesn't know yet how many soldiers the NGCV troop carrier should fit. The tracked M2 Bradley can manage a fire team of four or five, the larger but more lightly armed eight-wheel-drive Stryker can carry a full squad of nine. The Army is now studying trade-offs among passenger capacity, protection, size, weight, and cost.

-- breakingdefense.com Mar. 15, 2018

Even a virtual gun can save a life!

By Jon Michael Whitmore

It was at the Quik-E mart on Waterlick Rd, adjacent to Poplar Forest, near Lynchburg, VA, circa 1986-87.

I was attacked, unprovoked, by THREE people in the parking lot after dark. I do not know what their original intention was. It seemed to be a random act of violence.

The two larger men had me pinned against my vehicle, while the 3rd was approaching with an open folding knife (about a 4-inch blade, wood/brass handle). The point of the blade was inches away from my belly when my now late friend, Jeff Peterson, exited the store a few seconds behind me. Thankfully he quickly rushed to the passenger side and bee-lined for the glove box.

My arms were pinned out to each side. The only thing that I could do was try to kick the person with the

knife away, but it probably would have been to no effect.

As I was trying to put a leg between my belly and the attacker's knife, one of the other two saw what Jeff was doing and yelled "GUN!" They scattered as I was kicking.

There was no actual gun present, and Jeff knew it. THE MERE THREAT OF A GUN'S PRESENCE WAS ENOUGH TO THWART THE ATTACK.

I owe my life to his quick thinking. The next time, I might not have been so lucky and that is why I will never again be in the position to have to bluff.

The perpetrators were caught later.

I bring this up, now, because I hear too many people suggesting that guns will not deter evil. I am living proof otherwise.-- VA-ALERT: VCDL Mini-Update 3/30/18

LTE: 'More often, firearms used for defense'

Bishops Frank J. Dewane and George V. Murry, quoted in "Address gun violence now," (Catholic Virginian, March 12), correctly state "...we are confronted with grave evil..." but then parroted recent USCCB statements blaming firearms instead and favoring their restriction, although they are overwhelmingly more often used in defense to save lives.

In his encyclical letter, "Evangelium Vitae," St. Pope John Paul II stated "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:31). "Consequently, no one can renounce the right to self-defense..."

Furthermore, the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear (2264-65) that "Legitimate defense can be not only a right but a grave duty for one who is responsible for the lives of others" (as parents are for their children) and "Nor is it necessary for salvation that a man omit the act of moderate self-defense to avoid killing the other man, since one is bound to take more care of one's own life than of another's."

When Christ and his apostles traveled the brigand infested byways of Judea, they carried the military weapons of the day for their collective defense. On one occasion Christ responded "it is enough" when told there were two swords among them.

Would these bishops click their tongues in disapproval of Jesus' admonition to those disciples who were

without weapons, to sell their garment and buy one (Lk 22:36)?

It pains me to have been compelled to oppose the Virginia Catholic Conference lobbyist in subcommittee during legislative sessions, but the bishops' advocacy of empowering the state to hinder people's right to protect and defend innocent life runs contrary to our professed, pro-life theology.

— Dennis J. O'Connor, Prince George-- Letter to the editor of the Catholic Virginian, March 30, 2018 O'Connor is a board member of the Virginia Citizens Defense League

Facebook's Tracking of Non-Users Sparks Broader Privacy Concerns

By David Ingram

SAN FRANCISCO

(Reuters) - Facebook Inc's Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said the world's largest social network tracks people whether they have accounts or not.

Lawmakers and privacy advocates immediately protested the practice, with many saying Facebook needed to develop a way for non-users to find out what the company knows about them.

Facebook gets some data on non-users from people on its network, such as when a user uploads email addresses of friends. Other information comes from "cookies," small files stored via a browser and used by Facebook and others to track people on the internet, sometimes to target them with ads.

Asked if people could opt out, Facebook added, "There are basic things you can do to limit the use of this information for advertising, like using browser or device settings to delete cookies. This would apply to other services beyond Facebook because it is standard to how the internet works."

The company said it does not use the data to target ads, except those inviting people to join Facebook.

Zuckerberg said the collection was done for security purposes.

Facebook declined to comment on why Zuckerberg referred to security only.

Facebook could build databases on non-users by combining web browsing history with uploaded contacts. Facebook said on Friday that it does not do so.

The ACLU is pushing U.S. lawmakers to enact broad privacy

legislation including a requirement for consent prior to data collection.

The first regulatory challenge to Facebook's practices for non-users may come next month when a new European Union law, known as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), takes effect and requires notice and consent prior to data collection. -- April 15, 2018

Advice from a Russian: Never give up your guns

By Stanislav Mishin

These days, there are few things to admire about the socialist, bankrupt and culturally degenerating U.S.A., but at least so far, one thing remains: the right to bear arms and use deadly force to defend one's self and possessions.

This may come as a shock, but at one point, Russia was one of the most heavily armed societies on earth. This was, of course, when we were free under the Tsar. Weapons, from swords and spears to pistols, rifles and shotguns were everywhere. People carried them concealed, they carried them holstered. Fighting knives were a prominent part of traditional attire.

This well-armed population was what allowed the various White factions to rise up, in 1918, and wage a savage civil war against the Reds. Many of these armies were armed peasants, villagers, farmers and merchants. If it had not been for Washington DC's clandestine support of the Reds, history would have gone quite differently.

Of course being savages, murderers and liars does not mean being stupid, and the Reds learned from their Civil War experience. One of the first things they did was to disarm the population. From that point, mass repression, mass arrests, mass deportations, mass murder, mass starvation were all a safe game for the powers that were.

To this day, with the Soviet Union now dead [27] years, we are still denied our basic and traditional rights

to self defense. Why? We are told that everyone would just start shooting each other and crime would be everywhere....but criminals are still armed and still murdering and too often, especially in the far regions, those criminals wear the uniforms of the police.

While President Putin pushes through reforms, the local authorities, especially in our vast hinterland, do not feel they need to act like they work for the people. They are a tyrannical class who knows they have absolutely nothing to fear from a relatively unarmed population.

For those of us fighting for our traditional rights, the U.S. 2nd Amendment is a rare light in an ever-darkening room. Governments will use the excuse of trying to protect the people, but in reality, it is the bureaucrats protecting their power. In all cases where guns are banned, gun crime continues and often increases. As for maniacs, be it nuts with cars (NYC), swords (Japan), knives (China) or homemade bombs (everywhere), insane people strike.

The excuse that people will start shooting each other is also plain silly. Is our society full of incapable adolescents who can never be trusted? Then, please explain how we can trust them or the police, who themselves grew up and came from the same culture?

No, it is about a total power over the people. There is a lot of desire to bad mouth the Tsar, who claim he was a tyrant, and yet under him we were armed and under the progressives disarmed. Do not be fooled by a belief that progressives — leftists — hate guns. Oh no. What they hate is guns in the hands of those who are not marching in lock step to their ideology. They hate guns in the hands of those who think for themselves and do not obey without question. They hate guns in the hands of those whom they have slated for a gun barrel to the back of the ear.

So, do not fall for the false promises, and do not extinguish the light that is left to allow humanity a

measure of self respect.

-- This column was first posted at <http://english.pravda.ru/opinion/columnists/28-12-2012/>

Ed.: Apparently it takes more than an armed population to guarantee liberty. What the Russian people lacked at the time of the Bolshevik revolution of 1917, and perhaps even today, is a profound love for and understanding of individual freedom — plus the courage to defend it — freedom as expressed nowhere more eloquently than in our Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights.

Suicide Machine Draws Crowds at Amsterdam Funeral Show

A controversial suicide pod that enables its occupant to kill themselves at a press of a button went on display at Amsterdam funeral show on Saturday.

Called the "Sarco", short for sarcophagus, the 3D-printed machine invented by Australian euthanasia activist Philip Nitschke and Dutch designer Alexander Bannink comes with a detachable coffin, mounted on a stand that contains a nitrogen canister.

"The person who wants to die presses the button and the capsule is filled with nitrogen. He or she will feel a bit dizzy but will then rapidly lose consciousness and die," said Nitschke, who has been dubbed "Dr Death" for his work to legalise euthanasia.

Nitschke said he aimed to build the first fully-functioning pod before the end of the year.

After that, the design will be put online as an open-source document for people to download.

"That means that anybody who wants to build the machine can download the plans and 3D-print their own device," Nitschke said.

"This is a situation where one person chooses to press a button... rather than for instance standing in front of a train."

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